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TRANSPORT SUNK; 413 LIVES LOST

Transylvania Sent to Bottom Mediterranean by **Enemy Torpedo.**

MARKED LIKE LUSITANIA

LONDON, May 24 .- The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed on The following official statement was

with troops aboard, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4, resulting in the following losses: Twenty-nine officers and 373 of other ranks; also the ship's captain. Lieut. S. Bruell, and one officer and nine men of the crew."

Survivors Taken to Italy.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Anchor line steamship Transylvania was sunk in the Mediterranean off the French-Italian coast, it was learned here today. The survivors—how many it is not known here—were taken into Savona, Italy, by rescuers. There they remained until May 12, cared for by the populace and administered to by Red Cross authorities. When they left Savona on another—wessel for an unnamed destination a throng of thousands of persons assembled at the shore and cheered the departure.

Capt. Bruell, who lived in Scotland, commanded the Transylvania when she went down. He was one of the oldest captains in the Anchor line service.

Last Appearance in U. S.

The Transylvania's last appearance can waters was on the day when the nia was torpedoed—May 7, 1915. as she was about to sail from New with 972 passengers, Capt. John Black, then commanding, was given the information of the Lusitania's fate. The vessel left ostensibly for Liverpool, but Capt. Black steered a roundabout course and landed his passengers safely at the steered and landed liverpool it was generally re-Greenock, Scotland. It was generally re-ported at the time that the Transylvania also was marked for destruction.

Was Ship of 14,315 Tons.

The Transylvania, an Anchor line steamship of 14,315 tons, gross, has been in the service of the British government since May, 1915, when her sailings were canceled. There have been no recent reports of her movements. When she was first taken over by the British government she was engaged in transporting troops to Gallipoli.

The Transylvania was built in 1914. She was constructed especially for passenger traffic between New York and Mediterranean ports. She was 548 feet long and had accommodations for 2,450 passengers. The Transylvania, an Anchor line earnship of 14,315 tons, gross, has been

MAY NOT CONTROL FOOD **EXPORTS FROM COUNTRY**

Commerce Department, However, Is Likely to Administer the Limitation Act.

under the administration of the Department of Commerce, it was learned stoday, although it is probable that the administration of the export limitation act will be administered by that branch of the export limitation act will be administered by that branch of the exportment of the mission also state that recent North sea efforts against submarines have been more successful.

Herbert C. Hoover today conferred with Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce upon the probable part the department will bear in the administration of the exports limitation act, when passed, with particular reference to the department's role in relation to food exports.

OFFICE IS OPENED HERE BY FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Herbert C. Hoover, chosen by President Wilson as food administrator under pend-ing legislation, has opened his office. The food administration bureau has been asfood administration bureau has been assigned to rooms in the new Department of
the Interior building. 19th and E streets.
Mr. Hoover will proceed immediately
with plans for food control organizations
and within a few days probably will begin
to select his assistants. His stipulation
in accepting the task was that neither he
nor his aids should receive pay for
services.

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A number of Chicago meat packers, headed by Louis F. Swift, called on Mr. Hoover yesterday to get his ideas concerning the relation of the packing industry to food control.

The administrator this afternoon had a conference with President Wilson, and it is supposed they went over the food plans which Mr. Hoover has formulated for the war period.

RUSSIA TO HASTEN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

PETROGRAD, May 24, via Londo 3:50 p.m.—The new Russian coalition government today ordered a series of measures for hastening the summon-ing of the Russian constituent assem-

ITALIANS ARE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Mission, Headed by Prince Udine Presented by Secretary Lansing. Plans for Actual Work.

Members of Italy's war commission, neaded by Prince Udine, today were presented to President Wilson by Secretary of State Langing. The ceremony took place in the blue room of the White House. Secretary Lansing was the only member of the cabinet present. White House naval and military aids were there in dress uniform. Prince Udine made a brief speech, and handed to the President a personal letter addressed to him by King Emmanuel III of Italy.

Conference at Italian Embassy.

Military conferences are expected to develop that the Italian military program is more comprehensive than has been set forth in this country, and recent movements of the Austrians are said to indicate this fact. Military members of the party are expected to give valuable information to this government about the peculiar problems on the Italian front, involving Alpine fighting and the highest development of aeroplane warfare. members of the party are expected to give valuable information to this government about the peculiar problems on the Italian front, involving Alpine infalting and the highest development of aeroplane warfare.

Greatest interest in what the Italians have to tell centers in the devices worked out by their naval experts, in conjunction with Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, which it is believed mark a step in coping with submarines. Emphasis was laid on the fact that thirteen U-boats succumbed to these devices in the first three weeks of the roperations. Members of the mission sleep state that thereant Vertice Society of Washington, concerning the concert and human flag to be staged on the monument grounds under the auspices of the society. It is believed this will be one of the pretitest features of the reunion program.

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Issues Statement to Press.

The Prince of Udine has issued the

Made Italy Independent.

"Without stopping to talk about our distant past, the independence and unity of ltaly were made by the magnanimous King Victor Emmanuel II.

who, following the advice of the great Cavour, with the co-operation of a finisher and apostle such as Mazzini, who spent all his life in advocating the ideals of liberty and justice, and with the help of a warrior like Garibaldi, who was justly called the 'Knight of Humanity,' for having always lent his sword to the holy cause of freedom, staked his own throne to redeem Italy.

"Modern Italy, which was born out of these ideals, can only be in full agreement with the American democracy, which was founded by such pure and exalted personages 1.5 Washington and Lincoln and which is now guided by a far-seeing and most illustrious president, who, supported by the suffrage of his people, has courageously taken up the defense of humanity and its list in the same than the sum of the finance committee to know where it stands by Saturday of this week.

Contributions should be sent to any of the following-named members of the finance committee. M. E. Ailes, H. C. Ansley, H. M. Bridget, A. Brylawski, W. G. Carter, John B. Cochran, Charles I. Corby, P. A. Drury, R. H. De Butts, John Joy Edson, Fred A. Emery. William J. Eynon, Charles M. Fairfax, H. W. Pisher, W. T. Galliher, Isaac Gaus, George E. Hamilton, W. B. Hibbs, Fr. S. Hight, Lewis Holmes, H. G. Johnson, D. J. Kaufman, J. Lee Kolb, M. A. Leese, A. Lisner, P. W. McKenzie, E. J. Murphy, John L. Newbold, Julius I. Peyser, John Poole, C. H. Pope, A. J. Poston, Dr. J. J. Richardson, Conway Robinson, Guy T. Scott, Thomas W. Smith, R. L. Neuhauser, Joseph Strasburger, Magnus S. Thompson, George W. White, Simon Wolf and H. F. Cary, chairman.

CENTURY TO BUILD SHAFT. Mcnument to French Officer, Ordered

in 1778, Unveiled Today. in 1778, Unveiled Today.

EOSTON, May 24.—A monument in memory of a French naval officer, ordered erected by the Massachusetts legislature in 1778, but only recently completed, was unveiled on the grounds of King's Chapel today. The officer was the Chevalier de Saint-Sauveur, who came to Boston in 1778 with the fleet commanded by Count d'Estaing. While ashore one night with a company of officers he visited a part of the town in which a riot had broken out and was fatally wounded.

In the following month the vote for the monument was passed in the legislature. An inscription was prepared by Count d'Estaing, but for some obscure reason the erection of the monument was postponed and finally forgotten. A century and a quarter later records of the vote were discovered and last year the legislature made an appro-

year the legislature made an appro-priation for the memorial. The archi-tect was Alexander Wadsworth Longfellow, a nephew of the post

VETERANS IN GRAY TO LEAD JUBILEE

Reunion Chairman Proposes They Conduct Demonstrations Registration Day.

CITY ON PLAZA

Confederate Veterans who come here to attend their twenty-seventh annua reunion are to conduct patriotic demosstrations in various sections of the

letter addressed to him by King Emmanuel III of Italy.

His royal highness, Ferdinando di Savoja, Prince of Udine, wore the uniform of a captain in the royal navy. He also wore the decoration, the collar of annunziata, highest recognition an Italian may obtain, and usually conferred only upon members of the royal family. President Wilson replied to Prince Udine's address, expressing his pleasure at the coming of the mission.

Before calling at the White House the Italian mission went to the State, War and Navy building. As it entered it was cheered by crowds, and as it passed through the corridors man and woman clerks gathered to applaud.

Secretary Lansing received the commission in the diplomatic room. From there the mission members went to call on Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and then proceeded to the White House.

Conference at Italian Embassy. streets, where they will board street cars and ride the remainder of the dis-

Conference at Italian Embassy.

This afternoon the commission got down to actual work, at a conference at the Italian embassy. 1739 R street, where Ambassador di Cellere and member of the embassy staff discussed with the mission members the arrangements government on subjects of mutual interest.

This evening the entire mission. the Italian ambassador and others of the embassy staff will be entertained at a formal dinner in the mission's honor at the White House.

At headquarters of the mission embassi is laid on the fact that the mission members desire to get down to the work for which they came as soon as possible. With the mission are eighten technical experts, principally ensite and continual to the considered, and she hopes especially to devise means of transporting raw materials needed for munitions, other fighting equipment and clothing from this country, and thousands of tons of bricks are now being sands of tons of bricks are now being must be built to protect soldiers from the extreme cold.

Military Conferences Important.

Military Conferences are expected to

Part of Schools.

Mr. Harper had a conference today with Stephen E. Kramer, assistant su-perintendent of public schools, and C. C. Calhoun, president of the Southern Society of Washington, concerning the

Ten Thousand Dollars Must Be Added This Week to Fund for Reunion of Confederates

with Sacetary Reddeld of the Department of Commerce upon the probable that the department will bear in the administration of the exports limitation act, when passed, with particular reference—to the department's role inelation to food exports.

While Mr. Reddeld assumed that the administration of the exports limitation act would be by the Commerce Department, the declared he did not know and the people of Italy to President Wilson, and we shall therefore make no official tion act would be by the Commerce Department would in any event, have control over the exports of food.

The whole food situation is of such magnitude as will merit distinct handing by itself, in the opinion of Secretary Reddeld, who assured Mr. Hoover of the heartiest co-operation of the Commerce Department in this line of export control.

Other Branches to Share in Work.

The Agriculture Department and Mr. Redfield, to handle all the details and complete made and the proposal of the grantment or any agent of the government would be taken in the case of food exports only with the approval of the State popuration, it is understood.

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Students Greeted in London.

Ambulance Unit En Route to France Ambulance of the Life Roote to France

NEW YORK. May 24—Numbering
among its members B. H. Putnam, sixth
lineal descendant of Gen. Israel Putnam
of revolutionary fame, an Ohio ambulanco
unit en route to France is the guest today of the Ohio Soqiety of New York.
Twenty-three students of Marietta College and Miami University compose the
unit, and they will take with then twenty
automobile ambulances and a complete
field equipment supplied by several bustness-men of Columbus, Ohio.

8,600 PRISONERS TAKEN NEUTRALITY IS ENDED, BY FRENCH IN MAY

New German Counter Attacks in Vauclerc Plateau Region Repulsed.

"On the Vauclerc plateau at 8:30 delock last night an attack by the oclock last night an attack by the Germans, made after a violent bombardment, was checked immediately. The Germans were driven back to the trenches whence they came after suffering heavy losses. Prisoners taken in this region in the operations of May 22 belong to six regiments from four different divisions. Since May 1, 8,600 unwounded Germans have been captured by our troops between Soissons and Auberive.

"In the Champagne there was rather active artillery fighting on the Moronvilliers range. On the remainder of the front patrol encounters and intermittent artillery fighting occurred."

Senhor Fecanha said that, in regard to co-operation between Brazil at the coordination between Brazil at the content of co-operation between Brazil at the coordination to military and naval organization, especially with respect to collaborating with the United States in the politing of the South Atlantic, and should propare for any eventuality.

After the meeting of the council Senhor Pecanha was asked as to the possibility of Brazil declaring war on Germany. The minister replied: "Brazil declares war on nobody. She defends berself, It is Germany which declares war on all neutrals." mittent artillery fighting occurred."

British Get Prisoners.

LONDON, May 24, 1:15 p.m.-"We secured a few prisoners during the night day the as the result of patrol encounters east of Le Verguier," says today's war office report on operations along the Franco-Belgian front. "Nothing else interesting occurred."

French Failed, Says Berlin. BERLIN, May 24.-The French have uffered a sanguinary blow because of the failure of their attacks on the German lines in France yesterday, says today's army headquarters statement,

SINN FEINERS TO CONFER ONLY ON OWN CONDITIONS

Decline to Participate in Conference Called by English Government Unless Terms Are Agreed To.

Third—That the convention consist of none but persons freely elected by the adult suffrage of Ireland.

Fourth—That prisoner-of-war treatment is accorded the Irish prisoners arrested during the recent revolution.

DUBLIN, May 24.—The executive committee of the Irish unionist alliance has adopted a resolution approving the letter written by Viscount Middleton, former secretary for war Middleton, former secretary for war

Ireland, and decided to submit the question of the Irish settlement to a convention of the alliance at an early GREAT WELCOME AWAITS **U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE**

Students Greeted in London.

LONDON, May 24, 11:45 a.m.—The Duke of Connaught shook hands today with sixty American college students who have come to England for duty in the camps of the Y. M. C. A. The ceremony, which was simple and informal, took place at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters, where the duke stood in the center of a group of American and welcomed them. He said their presence was "an additional evidence of the whole-hearted way in which America has thrown in her lot with the allies in the fight for freedom and civilization."

PARIS, May 24.—Jules Cambon said the French government was highly gratified at the reception President Wilson had accorded Capt. Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner in the United States. He added that it was felt that Capt. Tardieu's mission would aid in securing co-ordination and concentration of the economic branches of the French government's work with which he is charged.

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> Austrian Party Reaches Berlin. COPENHAGEN, via London, May 24, 9:30 a.m.—According to the Vossische Zeitung, Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, recalled Austrian ambassador to the United States, and Dr. Friedrich Verdy du Vernois, dismissed German minister to Cuba, arrived in Berlin Tuesday.

VIEW NOW IN BRAZIL

Germany Has Forced Virtual

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, May 24.—German counter attacks in the region of the Vauclerc plateau were repulsed last night with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. Since May 1 the French have taken \$600 prisoners in this district.

The statement follows:

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ROME, May 24, via London.—Italian forces yesterday broke through the Austro-Hungarian lines from Castagnavizza to the sea, taking more than heavy circumstances. He said that the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca did not essentially modify the situation created by the Associated Press.

ROME, May 24, via London.—Italian forces yesterday broke through the Austro-Hungarian lines from Castagnavizza to the sea, taking more than department.

The Italian war office announced that Italian forces had occupied part of the Castagnavizza-Bossentially modify the situation created by the destruction of the Parana. Senhor Pecanha said that, in regard to co-operation between Brazil and the United States, the government should devote its entire attention to military and naval organization, especially with respect to collaborating with the United States in the policing of the south Atlantic, and should propage for

State of War.

DUBLIN. May 24, 2:40 p.m.—The Sinn Fein conference today unanimously resolved to decline to participate in any conference "called by the English government ostensibly to settle the Irish question" until the following conditions are fulfilled:

First—That the terms referring the question to the conference leave it free to decree the complete independence of Ireland.

Second—That the English government publicity pledge itself to the United States and the powers of Europe to ratify the decision of a majority of the conference.

Third—That the convention consist of none but persons freely elected by the adult suffrage of Ireland.

Fourth—That prisoner-of-war treatment is accorded the Irish prisoners arrested during the recent revolution.

DUBLIN, May 24.—The executive committee of the Irish unionist alliance has adopted a resolution approving the letter written by Viscount Middleton, former secretary for war and for American, but we are aligned. We are not yet in war, but we are aligned with and for America, and we will enter freely into a state of belligerency without considering for a moment an alliance has aligned with and for America, and we will enter freely into a state of belligerency without considering for a moment an alliance with Europe. Such is our considering for a moment an alliance with Europe. Such is our point of view at present. The sequel depends not on the government, but on congress, and the nation waits for congress to do its duty as the government has indicated it. "The Corrieo de Manha says: "The action of the United States was inspired by the supreme interests of curvilization. This circumstance places of the Corried of the United States was inspired by the suprement interests of curvilization. This circumstance places of the United States was inspired by the suprement has indicated it."

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and former secretary for India, addressed to the prime minister, setting forth the views of the unionist representatives in the west and south of EAST PART OF ENGLAND

By the Associated Press,

LONDON, May 24.—Four or five German airships raided the eastern counties of England last night, according to an official statement issued this morning. The airships dropped bombs and escaped, although pursued.

The official statement says:

"Four or five hostile airships approached East Anglia shortly before midnight last night. The weather was overcast and a thick bank of rain clouds made observation difficult.

"Four airships appear to have penetrated inland into the eastern counties. They followed erratic courses and Trace the property of the prop locate their position. The raiders were pursued by our airplanes, but thick clouds enabled them to make good their escape. On man was killed in a Nor-folk village. The material damage is believed to be negligible."

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Foreign Minister Quoted as Holding Break Through Austrian Lines.

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Discuss Annexation Memorandum.

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 24.—
The von Bissing memorandum, in which the late Governor General of Belgium urged on the emperor the necessity of the annexation of the kingdom, is taboo to the German press. The censor has apparently forbidden its publication or any reference or comment upon it.

LONDON, May 24.—A memorandum written by the late Gen. von Bissing, governor general in Belgium, which it is assumed was prepared for submission to Emperor William, represents the possibility of a reconciliation between Germany and Belgium as illusory, and argues the absolute necessity of the annexation of Belgium as a preparation for another war against Great Britain.

The memorandum declares that no treaty guarantees, however strong, would prevent Belgium from being swept into the enemy camp, and that, therefore, Belgium must be conquered.

Insane Must Be Registered.

Among the appointments made was that of Reginal C. Trueman of the Government Hospital for the Insane persons, including idiots and felons, must register. The registrar of the Government Hospital for the Insane will therefore be empowered not only to attend to the registration of the propose of the institution, but will also register the inmates in the manner pressribed for registration of the sick. "An insane person is a sick person, in the fashion iff which the cases of the sick are attended to."

Wardens of prisons will also be appointed registrars to register inmates.

Department Registrars.

The registrars appointed for their various departments follow:

War Department—Sidney H. Kent, adjutant general's office: Daniel F. Finnigan, signal office: Frederick H. Powell

Hungarian Town Nearly Wiped Out.

Treasury Department, and Adam per, Treasury Department, and Adam P. Ruth, bureau of engraving and LONDON, May 24.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam quotes a message from Budapest as saying that an official investigation of the fire in the Hungarian town of Gyoenyoes shows that of the 2,900 houses there more than 1,200 were destroyed. The damage is estimated at more than 30,000,000 kronen. There were fourteen fatalities

COMMUNITY FETES U.S. FLEET GREAT TO BE HELD JUNE 5 WORKSHOP OF WAR

Mark Registration Day in Capital.

Registration day is June 5.
There are but eleven more days in which absentees may register. If you live in any of the Pacific coast states, you have but six days left in which to register. If you live in southwestern or far western states, you have but eight days left.

If you live in middle-western, southern or New England states, you have nine days remaining.

washington will observe registration day, June 5, with what practically is assured of being the biggest patriotic demonstration ever arranged in the capital on short notice. This was determined yesterday when representatives of the city's industrial, civic and other interests, at a meeting if the boardroom of the District building, outlined plans for community demonstrations in every section of the city. The proposal for a parade in Pennsylvania avenue was abandoned.

James F. Oyster, who presided at the meeting, was in conference today with Commissioner Brownlow relative to the appointment of an executive committee which will take up with the various citizens' associations detailed plans for the community observances.

the waiting period turning out sailor men.

The fleet, temporarily, is a great workshop of war. Already it is turning out one of its finished products—men who can fight. They are serving the guns on American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns on American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns on American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns on American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns on American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns on American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns of American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns of American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns of American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns of American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight. They are serving the guns of American armed merchant ships. Its other product—men who can fight ships. Its other product—men who can fight ships. Its other product—men who can

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DR. WAITE DIES TONIGHT.

Dentist Who Killed Father-in-Law Gees to Electric Chair.

OSSINING, N. Y. May 24.—Within three days of the first anniversary of his conviction, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, a young dentist, will die in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison at 11 o'clock tonight for the murder of his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich A jury in the supreme court of New York county found Waite guilty on May 27, 1916, after he had told how he synchrole there days in the supreme court of New York county found Waite guilty on May 27, 1916, after he had told how he synchrole there admitted attempts to kill his victim with poison, suffocation and other with poison, suffocation and other with disease germs and then giving her poison. His life was a self-confessed three years old.

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Interstate commerce commission—Almeterative Commerce and Lester Sisler.

Smithsonian Institution—J. C. Taylor. Interior Department—W. Bertrand Acker, office of the Secretary; Charles B. Strong, general land office; Frederick H. Daiker, office of Indian afferick H. Daiker, offic

printing. State Department—Clinton R. Whitney. Federal trade commission—L. H. Waring.
House of Representatives—Sebe Newman, clerk's office; Harry Pillen, (Continued on Tenth Page.)

Neighborhood Celebrations to Ships, Ready for Battle, Now Turning Out Men Who Can Fight and Run Freighters.

DEPARTMENT REGISTRARS YOUTHS EXPERT GUNNERS

the Associated Press.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE UNITED STATES AT-LANTIC FLEET, May 24.—The big ships of the most powerful fleet ever under the American flag, when visited by a correspondent of the Associated Press, through arrangement with the committee on public information, were working day and night to bring about the defeat of Germany on the ses. Ready for battle, they are spending the waiting period turning out sailor men.

Different Outside.

Outside, it is much different. There is

Outside, it is much different. There is a flash, a roar, a ring of smoke and the loud whistle of the projectile rushing through the air. So great is the concussion that every man outside has cotton or some other substance in his ears to save his ear drums from being brokef.

Fifteen seconds from "commence firing" to "fire" is considered pretty good time for the big guns in the navy. They have new guns crews in training now who never saw salt water until three weeks ago who are doing the thing easily in sixteen seconds.

Some nights the ships of the fleet cruise in waters nearby for night battle practice. Other nights they are anchored in the base waters, where crews are drilled at torpedo defense. The guns are manned and dummy torpedoes and submarines are picked up by the searchlights and theoretically destroyed.

The fleet has gained efficiency in tor-

the searchlights and theoretically destroyed.

The fleet has gained efficiency in torpedo defense. They tell a story in the wardrooms of an American submarine which decided to change its anchorage without giving notice. The fleet is dark after a certain hour at night. Not a light shows, but the watch is intensely alert.

One of the deck officers saw the submarine outline itself, and a gun quickly was trained. The submarine was hailed, but the men on it failed to hear. The fact that the submersible was running behind the patrols was the only thing that saved it. A five-inch gun probably would have blown it to pieces if the maneuver had taken place on the other side of the net. Now submarines do not move around like that at night. It was dangerous business.

While the guns' crews are being trained on some of the ships, aboard others are being trained men to run (Continued on Seventh Page.)

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